

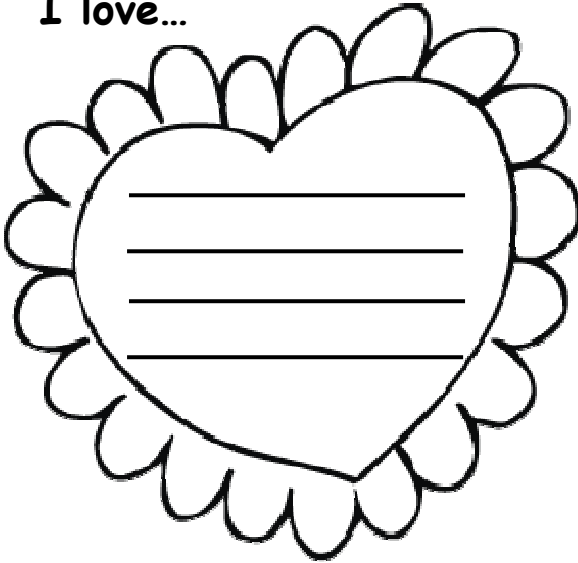
I AM LOVED

Student Activity Sheet

Name _____

I love...

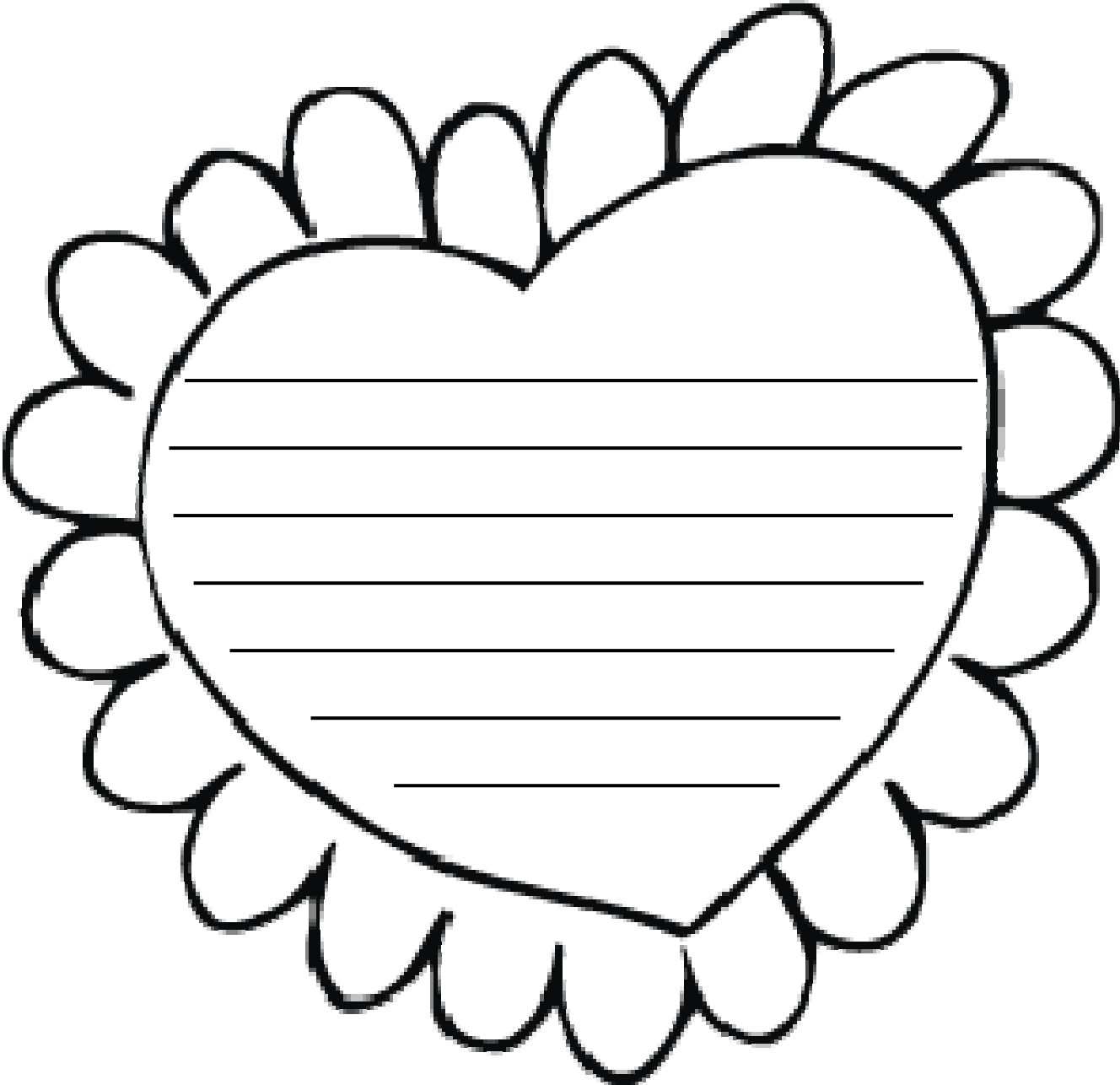
BUT



Calvary shows us a love without _____

Person	Facts	Exception?
Judas	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Jewish Leaders	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Peter	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Thief	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Memory Verse



Teacher's Lesson Page - I AM LOVED

Lesson:

- I am loved – I need to do nothing

Verse:

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Introduction:

- Do sword drill. In a sword drill, the students practice using their “sword”, the Bible, to look for a verse. The teacher announces a verse and the first student to find the verse can read it.
- Let's look for words that occur only once in the Bible (KJV) Gen 50:26; Eph 2:12 (not in NIV); Luke 23:33 (not in NIV); Ecc 3:11(not in KJV); II Timothy 1:5
- Create list of words – guess which one we are going to look at.
- Calvary – Divides time; Divides eternity; Divides the human race; Divides this room.

Story:

- We have been looking mainly at the negative (review previous lessons). Now we are going to go to the positive. I am loved. There are many stories in the Bible that demonstrate love but there is no greater story that demonstrates love than Calvary.
- Think-pair-share: Create list of things you love. Generate list on blackboard. (Family, friends, chocolate, pets, etc.). Do we love these things all the time? In every circumstance? Why is the love of Calvary so great? It is a love without exceptions.
- Today we are going to look at four people and one group of people and see how Calvary makes no exceptions.
- **Judas:**
 - Chosen by Christ after much prayer (Luke 6:12)
 - Trusted by Christ (John 12:4)
 - Betrays Christ (Luke 22:47-48)
- After such terrible betrayal and treachery can the Lord Jesus love him? John 13:1 – Loved him to the end – knowing what Judas would do.
- **Jewish leaders:**
 - Chosen by God (Hebrews 5:1, 4)
 - Trusted to be compassionate, relate to the people (Hebrews 5:2)
 - Plot and plan Christ's death (Luke 22:1, 5, 63-65, 18, 22, 23, Matt 26:67-spit)
- After such cruelty and hatred shown by one's who were supposed to welcome Christ, can the Lord Jesus love them? Luke 22:33-34. Forgive them.
- **Peter:**
 - Chosen by Christ (Luke 6:12)
 - Given a special place of privilege and position (Transfiguration, Garden of Gethsemane, Special place in the Church – Matthew 16:18-19)
 - Denies Christ in His most lonely hour (Luke 22:57-60). Mark tells us he denies Christ, cursing and swearing.
- After such a rejection of Christ, can Christ love him. Read Luke 22:61. John 21:15-17. Given task of feeding new believers.
- **Thief:**
 - Crucified with Christ – mocks Him even in death. Matthew 27:43
 - No pity, no shame.

- After mocking Someone who is dying can he possibly be forgiven? Luke 23:42-43. Just hours after cursing Christ, he is welcomed into Heaven.
- We can look at all sorts of people, from all walks of life – all of them rejected Christ at one point. But the word of God says, I John 2:2. No exceptions. He loves a Hitler, he loves an Ajmal Kasab, He loves the Maoists who are doing so much killing in India. But best of all, Galatians 2:20 He loves me.
- Who said these words – Paul – a persecutor of Christians, a murderer, a wicked man.
- The Lesson for us: There is nothing you can do to make God love you more. There is nothing you can do to make Him love you less.